

# Senate District T

## Donald C. “Donny” Olson, Democrat



**DATE OF BIRTH:** June 18, 1953

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Nome, Alaska

**RESIDENCE ADDRESS:** 5 Front Street  
Golovin, Alaska

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**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:**

51 year resident  
Golovin, Nome, Unalakleet, Barrow, Kotzebue, White Mountain, Bethel

**OCCUPATION:**

Doctor, Pilot, Reindeer owner & herder,  
Businessman, Senator

**EDUCATION:**

Various flight schools to achieve: Airline Transport Pilot License, Commercial License, Airplane & Helicopters, Airframe & Power Plant Mechanics License, Inspector Authorization. Seattle Pacific College, University of Minnesota, Duluth; B.A. Chemistry. University of Alaska, Fairbanks, University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Oral Roberts University School of Medicine; M.D. University of Colorado School of Law, Cambridge University, Cambridge England.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Alaska State Senate: 2001-present, Alaska State Medical Board: 1995-2001

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

President Olson Air Service, Inc., Amundsen Education Center Board member, Missionary Aviation Repair Center Board member.

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Rotary, Big Brothers

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Polar exploration, ivory carving, reindeer herding, aviation collectibles, reading.

**STATEMENT:**

I have a variety of experiences that uniquely connect me with the residents of Senate District “T” and give rural Alaska a strong voice in Juneau. I have been privileged to serve the District as your Senator these past 4 years. I have the compassion to serve people, make tough decisions, and the business sense to balance financial matters. My home is Golovin, centrally located in our district so I share the common experiences of rural living and have represented the concerns of the people while serving on the Senate Finance and Transportation Committees.

I will strive to achieve the will of the residents with these convictions: **Permanent Fund** is exactly that - Permanent it is not the solution to runaway spending; **education** must include skills useful to rural living, and be funded at its highest level; **economic development** begins with local hire benefiting families and communities; **state budgeting** must first distribute funds adjusted for the higher costs of rural Alaska; **public health and sanitation** begin with adequate sewer & water access we must ensure all households are modernized; **subsistence** is a way of life to be protected; **quality health care** and availability for the elders and young families. The resolution to these issues will impact lives today and the generations to come.

The senator who is able to meet the challenges for rural Alaska must have an understanding of the people, a clear plan for the future, and lead the legislature to agreement. That person is Donny Olson

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